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INFO SAO PAULO BEING RPTD FOR YOUR ACTION/INFO

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SUBJECT: HUNGER STRIKE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS

1. ACCORDING VARIOS PRESS SOURCES, FOURTEEN POLITICAL PRISONERS IN THE FORTALEZA DE SANTA CRUZ, AN ARMY PRISON ON THE NITEROI SIDE OF GUANABARA BAY WENT ON HUNGER STRIKE NOV 16 TO PROTEST: SUSPENSION OF VISITS, THE QUALITY OF THEIR FOOD AND CONSTANT BEATINGS.

2. REPORTEDLY THE FAMILIES OF THE PRISONERS HAVE TOLD MEMBERS OF THE PRESS ABOUT THE SITUATION AND ASKED THE ARMY IN A LETTER TO ESTABLISH A COMMISSION CONSISTING OF A DOCTOR, A JUDGE AND A LAWYER OF THE PRISONERS' CHOICE TO INQUIRE INTO THE CONDITIONS AT THE PRISON.

3. PLAYWRIGHT NELSON RODRIQUES, WHOSE SON IS BEING HELD AT THAT PRISON, REPORTEDLY JOINED OTHER PARENTS IN SENDING A TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT GEISEL, THE MINISTERS OF JUSTICE, AND THE ARMY, AS WELL AS THE COMMANDERS OF THE FIRST ARMY

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AND FIRST MILITARY REGION, TELEGRAM STATES THAT SOME

PRISONERS WERE BEATEN AND BURNT WITH TEAR GAS ON NOV 14.
IT ADDS PRISONERS HAVE BEEN MALTREATED FOR MONTHS AND URGES
AN URGENT INQUIRY INTO THE SITUATION. TELEGRAM ASKS THAT
THE LIVES OF ALL PRISONERS BE GUARANTEED AND ASKS THAT TWO
PRISONERS, CLAUDIO TORRES DA SILVA AND JOSE ROBERTO CONCALVES
REZENDE BE FOUND URGENTLY. REPORTEDLY THEY WERE TRANSFERRED
TO AN UNKNOWN LOCATION AND MAY BE BADLY HURT. FINALLY, THE
TELEGRAM STATES THAT THE HUNGER STRIKE IS INTENDED TO PROTEST
THIS INHUMANE TREATMENT.

4. O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO HAD A PIECE ON THIS IN ITS NOVEMBER
19 ISSUE BUT IT WAS EXCISED BY CENSORS.

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